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FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM UNHCR/GENEVA FOR UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE SABITI IN MBABANE:

QUOTE HCR/40

REYOUR 40 AND 41 ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS YOUR AREA.  
ANXIOUSLY AWAITING REPORT YDUR INTERVIEW OF INDIVIDUALS  
CONCERNED. MEANTIME WOULD BE INTERESTED TO NOTE THAT YOUR  
41 PARA 1 AND 2 WERE ALSO CONFIRMED BY INDEPENDENT SOURCES.  
THIS INDEED CORROBORATES YOUR 41 PARA 3.

FYI MATTER RAISED ON 18 APRIL BETWEEN PETERS AND SIBEKO,  
OCCASION LATTER'S STOP OVER GENEVA ON WAY TO LONDON WITH  
FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

AAA. ALTHOUGH PROBLEMS INDEED EXISTED THAT MADE IT NECESSARY FOR TWO TOP PAC OFFICIALS TO PROCEED TO SWAZILAND FOR TALKS WITH AUTHORITIES RECENT EVENTS ALLEGEDLY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO PAC LEADERSHIP AS SOME PROGRESS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED TO DISPEL MISUNDERSTANDING AND IRON OUT  
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DIFFERENCES.

BBB. IN VIEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS SIBEKO UNDERTOOK TO RETURN ASAP HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK FOR FRESH DISCUSSIONS WITH AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO SECURING RELEASE ALL CONCERNED ESPECIALLY STUDENTS WHOM HE CONSIDERED INNOCENT. PARA.

WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO NON STUDENT DETAINEES SIBEKO ADMITTED THAT CONSIDERING SERIOUSNESS ISSUE INVOLVED PAC MAY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO HAVE THEM RESETTLED IN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS IT APPEARS MOST UNLIKELY THAT SWAZI GOVERNMENT WILL ALLOW THEM TO STAY. HE HOWEVER EXCLUDED TANZANIA AS A POSSIBLE RESETTLEMENT COUNTRY FOR OBVIOUS REASONS CONNECTED WITH PAC'S OWN STATUS TANZANIA. IN HIS OPINION PERSONS CONCERNED MAY BE REQUESTED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY FURTHER POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY AUTHORITIES THEIR POTENTIAL COUNTRIES OF RESETTLEMENT. PARA.

THOUGH ABOVE MAY SUGGEST THAT PAC OFFICIAL WAS NOT TOTALLY UNAWARE SWAZI GOVERNMENTS INTENTION AS FIRST INDICATED, WE NOTE THAT PAC IS PREPARED TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH AUTHORITIES TO SECURE RELEASE DETAINEES AND TO HELP IN RESETTLING THEM THIRD AFRICAN COUNTRIES. PARA.

IN OUR OPINION RECENT EVENTS SHOULD BE VIEWED AGAINST CURRENT INTERNAL DIFFERENCES WITHIN PAC. ANY INITIATIVE ON OUR PART SHOULD THEREFORE BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS TO AVOID SUCH AN EASY ACCUSATION AS UNWELCOME INTERFERENCE IN PAC INTERNAL POLITICS. PENDING A MORE CLEAR PICTURE OF THE SITUATION WHICH IS LIKELY TO ARISE FROM YOUR CURRENT INTERVIEWS AND FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH PAC LEADERSHIP AND SWAZI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS, SUGGEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOU FIRST CONCENTRATE ON STUDENT CASES (OUR CABLE NO 1100 REFERS). PARA.

WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS KNOWN FROM THIS END. GRATEFUL ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE YOUR END ENABLE US ASSESS SITUATION FURTHER. (UNHCR/GENEVA). END QUOTE.  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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